

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): An enclosure for storing contents comprising:
a base;
an outer lid segment;
intermediate lid segments and
a bottom lid segment; wherein said lid segments are cascading.

Claim 2 (original): The enclosure of claim 1 wherein said lid segments have closing ridges holding each lid segment in a shingled manner thereby making the enclosure resistant to environmental debris, precipitation, and unauthorized access to the contents.

Claim 3 (original): The enclosure of claim 1 wherein said enclosure may be collapsed to the size of the base and the outer lid segment.

Claim 4 (original): The enclosure of claim 1 further including means for securing the enclosure in a closed position.

Claim 5 (original): The enclosure of claim 1 further comprising a lock bracket attached to the base and a lock opening located in said bottom lid segment.

Claim 6 (original): The enclosure of claim 1 further including means for securing the enclosure in an open position.

Claim 7 (original): The enclosure of claim 1 further comprising a lock bracket attached to a lid segment and a lock opening located in said bottom lid segment.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

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Claim 9 (currently amended): The enclosure of claim 8-1 wherein said intermediate lid segments have closing ridges holding each lid segment in a shingled manner thereby making the enclosure resistant to environmental debris, precipitation, and unauthorized access to the contents.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The enclosure of claim 8-1 wherein said bottom lid segment includes a protruding lip.

Claim 11 (original): The enclosure of claim 10 wherein said protruding lip extends over a portion of said base.

Claim 12 (original): The enclosure of claim 10 wherein lifting of said protruding lip lifts the lid segments.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The enclosure of claim 12 wherein said base includes a ~~scallop~~ pair of scallops and a front edge extending between the scallops for mating with said protruding lip.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The enclosure of claim 8-1 wherein the lid segments have opening ridges for causing the lid segments to fold into one another as the enclosure is opened.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The enclosure of claim 8-1 wherein the lid segments are nested within each other.

Claim 16 (original): The enclosure of claim 1 wherein the base includes a wall within the bottom lid segment.

Claim 17 (currently amended): An enclosure for storing contents comprising:
a base;

an outer lid segment; and

at least one support securing said outer lid segment in a vertical position, wherein
said support is located within a channel in the outer lid segment.

Claim 18 (original): The enclosure of claim 17 further comprising a plurality of supports.

Claim 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (original): The enclosure of claim 17 further comprising a second support, each support located within a channel in the outer lid segment, each support being displaceable from a position generally entirely within the outer lid segment to a position within both the outer lid segment and the base.

Claim 21 (original): The enclosure of claim 20 wherein said supports are tubes with a generally rectangular cross-section.

Claim 22 (original): The enclosure of claim 21 further comprising first and second tube brackets for the first and second tubes.

Claim 23 (original): The enclosure of claim 20 wherein each support is displaceable by gravity.

Claim 24 (original): The enclosure of claim 20 wherein said supports are tubes each having a generally circular cross-section.

Claim 25 (currently amended): An enclosure for storing contents comprising:

a base;

at least one axle;

a bottom lid segment;

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an outer lid segment; and

AI cascading intermediate lid segments, wherein each of the lid segments includes at least one an-axle bore through which the at least one axle is inserted such that a plurality of the lid segments rotate around the axle when the storage container is being opened from a closed position and when the storage container is being closed from an open position.

Claim 26 (original): The enclosure of claim 25 comprising a second axle, and each lid segment including a second axle bore, each axle bore being located on a side of the lid segment, the axle bores being aligned with each other, and the axle bores receiving the axles.

Claim 27 (original): The enclosure of claim 26 wherein the axles are flush with the outside of the enclosure and are secured on the inside of the enclosure with a cotter pin.